Express Mail #EJ 622 654 496 US FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER (REV. 10-95) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES F2040(C) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN SOF 37 CERY) 5 4 9 CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PCT/EP2004/002559 11 MARCH 2004 21 MARCH 2003; 8 MAY 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION TEA MANUFACTURE APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US GANESAN, VELU ET AL Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include 3. items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. Ø The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) 5. Ø is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. has been communicated by the International Bureau. b. c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 6. a. is attached hereto. h has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)) Ø are transmitted herewith (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)). 8. An oath or unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). 9. \boxtimes An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)). Items 11. To 16. Below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§3.28 and 3.31 is 12. included. 13. ⊠ A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. П 16. □ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. 17. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. 🗆 A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. 🗆 Other items or information:

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known isee 37 CFR !) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER PCT/EP2004/002559 F2040(C) 21. The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee\$300.00 a) Ø × b) Examination Fee\$200.00 Ø \$1,000.00 **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:** Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. TOTAL SHEETS EXTRA SHEETS Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round Upto a whole number - 100 = /50 = X \$250.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR §1.492(e)). NUMBER FILED CLAIMS NUMBER RATE **EXTRA Total Claims** 17 - 20 = X \$ 50.00 Independent Claims 1 - 3 = X \$200.00 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) X \$360.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1,000.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. SUBTOTAL = Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(f)). **TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =** Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. §1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet ((37 C.F.R. §§3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property. \$1,000.00 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = Amount to be Charged: П A check in the amount of _ to cover the above fees is enclosed. a. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the above fees. Triplicate copies of this b. Ø The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to C. Ø Deposit Account No. 12-1155. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed. Customer Number: 00201 NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. §§1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. Respectfully submitted, Edward A. Squillante, Jr. EAS/mt Attorney of Record (201) 894-2925 Reg. #38,319